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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above captioned Continuation Application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1-23 in the patent application and insert therefor the following new claims:

24. A fire scale resistant, work hardenable jewelry silver alloy composition comprising:
- at least 86% by weight silver;
 - 0.5-7.5% by weight copper
 - 0.07 - 6% by weight of a mixture of zinc and silicon wherein said silicon is present in an amount of from about 0.02 to about 2.0% by weight; and
 - from about 0.01 to no more than 2.0% by weight germanium.

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